

EDWARD R. YOUNG.

MAY 23, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STURTEVANT, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4298.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4298) granting an increase of pension to Edward R. Young, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$12 to \$20 per month the pension of Edward R. Young, of the United States Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C.

The Senate report states the facts and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4298) granting an increase of pension to Edward R. Young, have examined the same and report:

Edward R. Young enlisted April 8, 1861, in Battery H, First Regiment United States Artillery, to serve three years, and was discharged at Brandy Station, Va., April 11, 1864, by reason of expiration of service. He is now drawing a pension of \$12 per month under the act of June 27, 1890, because of being totally disabled for the performance of manual labor.

On the morning of February 22, 1887, at the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, the said Edward R. Young was detailed as cannoneer in the firing of a salute in the celebration of Washington's Birthday. By the premature discharge of the cannon this soldier lost his right forearm and left eye.

No claim is made that the soldier has a pensionable status under the general law by reason of this accident, yet his present pitiable and destitute condition entitles him to a measure of sympathy somewhat above that accorded the ordinary "dependent" pensioner. Surely his sufferings and disabilities are more numerous and grievous than are those of the class contemplated by the act of June 27, 1890.

In view of this soldier's present condition and his good record during the civil war, your committee are of the opinion that the bill increasing his pension to \$20 per month should pass, and so recommend.

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 7, after the word "pension," insert the words "at the rate."